



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

Founded 1914

*Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year!*

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## *April 2014 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

May 9: Dave Gingrich, K9DC, will give us a presentation on “IRLP on the go”, demonstrating portable IRLP linked systems he has made.

June 13: Annual auction, with Tom Chance, K9XV, serving as auctioneer.

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### **Highlights from the April Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:27pm by Vice President Dave Miller, K9RTT. A round of introductions was conducted. There were 56 in attendance.

KC9ZQC, Jim Saferight and NW9Q, Dave McClellan were the new hams in attendance. Dave Miller announced that the Dayton Hamfest is coming up and we have bus tickets for sale for \$30.

Rhonda, WS9H, announced that VE testing will be tomorrow at noon at the Salvation Army EDS Center. (See testing schedule later in newsletter.)

Steve, ND9C, announced that we have a Fox Hunt Sunday at 2pm.

Jim, K9RU, announced that the IRCC is taking nominations for Technical Excellence Award and info is here for you to take with you tonight. Jim stated that the written nomination is the most important and those reviewing the nominations can only go by what is written.

INQP is May 3 and we are operating W9JP/100 and we are looking for people who either want to work this station or work on your own and send in a log with the Indianapolis Radio Club as your club. We then get points for that. Tom Chance stated that we will operate W9JP from his house. Pat Daily, N2DKB, Bob Burns, W9BU, and Sam Carter, WA9VBG, all volunteered. Pat and Sam will operated CW.

Hilltop is September 27 and the rules are coming together. Bob Burns, W9BU, plans to have all of the info on the website by the May meeting.

Mike Palmer, N9FEB, announced that he is accepting volunteers for the 500 Festival Mini-Marathon (May 3), Geist Marathon (May17), and the 500 Festival Parade (May24). In June 21, they also support the ADA Bike Ride. To volunteer, contact Mike at [N9FEB@comcast.net](mailto:N9FEB@comcast.net).

Mark Burke, W9MGB, announced that the MCINARES has training on 5/29 at the Salvation Army at 9am. The topic is Net Control. Email [mcinares@gmail.com](mailto:mcinares@gmail.com).

Jay Kraus, W9TC, announced that he has a load of antennas that he brought in this evening for the taking.

Next month Dave Gingrich, K9DC, will talk about IRLP. The June meeting will be the auction. Dave Miller will bring in tables and our world-famous auctioneer, Tom Chance, will sell most things brought in.

The radio club will have a building at the Indy Hamfest for the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

Field Day, June 28-29 will be at Camp Belzer. This will be a joint effort with a few other clubs joining.

The officers of the club have agreed to make a donation to the Ivy Tech Foundation in the amount of \$300. The donation is to the Ivy Tech Radio Club.

Our presenter was Tom Chance with the History of Ham Radio, 1929 to 1959. He started with info on Our National Calamity: The Flood of 1913.

Tom asked if anyone has a Genave and if so to email [k9ru@arrl.net](mailto:k9ru@arrl.net). Would like to set time frame of old radios. Jeff Hammer, N9NIC, made the offer to convert reel-to-reel info for free for the Hamfest. He can do 8mm, 16mm, and slides.

Greg, KC9NRO, asked if anyone knew who the first YL in the club was. Nobody seems to know this.

Meeting ended at 8:55pm.

*[Editor's note: Special Thanks to Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, for taking notes at this meeting in my absence.]*

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **IRC 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY EVENTS FOR 2014**

May 2: Indiana QSO Party Sponsor. Club station of W9JP/100 will be a bonus station.

May 9: 1980 to 1990 History of the Club

June 13: 1990 to 2000 History, along with annual auction

June 28 – 29: W9JP/100 Field Day at Camp Belzer

July 12: Special Display at Indianapolis Hamfest

July 17 – 19: ARRL 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

August 2: W9JP Picnic and Tailgate Hamfest at Camp Belzer

September 12: 2000 to 2014 History of the Club

October 10: 100<sup>th</sup> Year Dinner with ARRL speaker, W9JP/100 Special Event, and 1914 to 2014 History of the Club presentation.

## **DAYTON BUS PLANS**

There are a limited number of tickets still remaining for this year's chartered bus to the Dayton Hamvention. The day trip to Dayton will be on Saturday, May 17.

The bus will have two pick up points: 6:30 am at Southern Plaza, and pick up around 7:00 am at Peddler's Mall on the east side. It will leave from Dayton around 4:00 pm. As in the past, there will be a short stop at McDonald's in Richmond on the way to Dayton for breakfast, and a dinner stop at MCL in Richmond on the way back. The cost for the round trip is \$30 per person, and does not include admission to the Hamvention. Tickets for the bus trip will be available at meetings, or by contacting club treasurer Rhonda Curtis, WS9H. The bus will drop off at the front door of Hara Arena, and be parked in close proximity of the facility so items can be stored on the bus for your convenience. Tickets for admission to the Hamvention are available on their website at

<http://www.hamvention.org/tickets.php>.

## **W9JP/100 TO BE BONUS STATION FOR INQP**

For the 2014 Indiana QSO Party, there will be a bonus station, W9JP/100. The Indianapolis Radio Club will be operating as W9JP/100 as a special event station in honor of the clubs 100 year anniversary.

This detail is noted in the rules for 2014 found here: <http://hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html>

## **MARION COUNTY VE TESTING SCHEDULE**

June 14, Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart (317) 495-1933 Email: k9ru@arrl.net

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd  
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

July 12, Saturday at Indianapolis Hamfest, 8:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Rhonda S. Curtis (317) 363-7457 Email: ws9h@arrl.net

Location: Marion County Fair Grounds, 7300 East Troy Ave  
Indianapolis, IN

August 9, Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart (317) 495-1933 Email: k9ru@arrl.net

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd  
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

September 13, Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Rhonda S. Curtis (317) 363-7457 Email: ws9h@arrrl.net

Location: Integrated Public Safety Commission, 8468 E 21st St  
Indianapolis IN 46219-2517

October 11 Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart (317) 495-1933 Email: k9ru@arrrl.net

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd  
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

November 8, Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Rhonda S. Curtis (317) 363-7457 Email: ws9h@arrrl.net

Location: Integrated Public Safety Commission, 8468 E 21st St  
Indianapolis IN 46219-2517

December 13, Saturday, 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: James K. Rinehart (317) 495-1933 Email: k9ru@arrrl.net

Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd  
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

## **WWV'S 25 MHZ SIGNAL BACK ON THE AIR**

WWV silenced its 25 MHz signal in 1977, but it's back on the air "for old times' sake" — officially on an "experimental basis." Resurrecting the long-dormant standard time outlet operated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) was Matt Deutch, N0RGT, the Lead Electrical Engineer at WWV. It all came about after Dean Lewis, W9WGV, lamented the loss of the 25 MHz signal in an e-mail to Deutch, who surprised him by subsequently putting the signal back on the air on April 4 for about 3-1/2 hours.

NIST said the 25 MHz broadcast consists of the normal WWV signal heard on all other WWV frequencies, at the same level of accuracy. The transmitter in Fort Collins, Colorado, can put out 2500 W into a "broadband monopole," although Deutch said the transmitter was running 1200 W. WWV has invited listeners' comments and signal reports.

More at <http://www.arrrl.org/news/wwv-s-25-mhz-signal-back-on-the-air>

## **2014 IRCC TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATIONS**

The Indiana Radio Club Council is accepting for nominations for the 2014 Technical Excellence Award.

The IRCC Technical Excellence Award provides a way to recognize Indiana Amateur's that are advancing the state of the art or have used or shared their technical expertise to the benefit of the amateur radio community. Look around your area, there are plenty of technical hams in our ranks. We are looking for the best of these. They could be doing technical mentoring, projects, seminars or have presented technical talks at your club meetings or a forum at a hamfest. They may be working with digital communications, home brew, remote station control, repeaters, antenna tinkerers or just plain old time ham radio "geeks." We know they are out there, we need your help locating them and to submit a nomination.

### **NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Any amateur radio operator in Indiana may submit a nomination. Nominee must hold an amateur radio license and be a resident of Indiana, but they are not required to be a member of any club or organization.

We need as much information about your nominee as possible. Please explain in some details what you nominee has done with their technical skills, achievements, mentoring, projects and how the amateur radio community benefits for those efforts. Include: the nominees: name, call, email and/or home address, and home and/or cell phone number.

We also need the nominating person: name, call, email and/or home address, and home and/or cell phone number. We may need to contact you for additional information or confirmation.

All nominations must be received by June 5, 2014.

The IRCC Technical Excellence Award is to be presented at the Indianapolis Hamfest on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at the IRCC forum.

**SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO:** Jim Rinehart, K9RU, 1455 Shannon Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201 or k9ru.indy@gmail.com

For more information about the IRCC check out: <http://inrcc.org>

## TEN-TEC HAMFEST CANCELED FOR 2014

### From the TenTec website:

Hamfest at Ten-Tec has been canceled this year due to our plans to relocate in early fall.

After enjoying 46 years in our headquarters on Dolly Parton Parkway, we are actively seeking a new location in Sevierville that will offer more modern and energy-efficient facilities, a new showroom, and a much-needed upgrade in working environment for staff.

Our current facility and property are already under contract, and, as a result, they will not be available for our annual Hamfest open house and flea market. And, chances are, in September we'll be neck-high in boxes and crates preparing for our move.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chuck Mathis, W5TTP  
Tom Huss, KC5OPJ  
Thomas Huss, K9AGC  
Bill Waldschmidt, W9WA

## FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

## Signals from the Past:

### From the April, 1953 *Amachewer*:

The local papers on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> showed a photo of John Voliva of Graham Electronics demonstrating a mighty midget sized electronic organ made there at Graham Electronics and featuring transistors instead of vacuum tubes. The write-up accompanying the photo was a nice one and suggests the possibility that the club contact John and arrange a program on the various possibilities of the transistor which in days to come will no doubt be quite commonplace with all hams and electronic technicians.

## Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- May 3: Indiana QSO Party
- May 16 – 18: Dayton Hamvention. More information at <http://www.hamvention.org>
- July 12: Indianapolis Hamfest. More information at <http://www.indyhamfest.com/>

## 2014 Officers:

- President: Dave Spoelstra, N9KT – EMAIL [n9kt@arrl.net](mailto:n9kt@arrl.net)
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - ..EMAIL [dmiller@ivytech.edu](mailto:dmiller@ivytech.edu)
- Secretary: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - ..EMAIL [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)
- Treasurer: Rhonda Curtis, WS9H - ..EMAIL [ws9h.indy@gmail.com](mailto:ws9h.indy@gmail.com)
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